

FAWKHAM – ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Minutes of the annual parish meeting held at 7.00 pm on Thursday 25th May 2017, in the Village Hall, Fawkham

Present:

Fawkham Parish Councillor Steve Gray (Acting Chair)
Fawkham Parish Councillor James Hollands
Fawkham Parish Councillor Mike Pearsall
Fawkham Parish Councillor Duncan Harker

Also in attendance:

PCSO Ann Etter
Caroline Birtwell Head Teacher for Steephill School
Sheena Moss, on behalf of the Village Hall Management Committee
4 parishioners

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION, COUNCILLOR FAYE PARKIN, CHAIRMAN, FAWKHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Cllr Gray welcomed attendees and then held a minute's silence in memory of The Victims of Manchester attack earlier in that week.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from
Cllr Faye Parkin
Jackie West, Community Warden, KCC
Mandy Bridges, Head Teacher CE Primary School
Mel Hammett, Curate to Hartley and Fawkham Parish Church
Cllr David Brazier County Councillor

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 26th May 2016

It was proposed by Councillor James Hollands, seconded by Councillor Steve Gray and AGREED that the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 26th May 2016 were correct and they were signed by the Chairman.

REPORT ON THE WORK OF THE PARISH COUNCIL DURING 2016/17

Councillor Steve Gray (Acting Chair) made a brief summary of some of the work that had taken place during the year and also mentioned that the Parish Council had co-opted two new Councillors Cllr Harker and Cllr Pearsall on to the Council in March 2017. He also commented that Cllr Parkin had been taken very ill and although home from hospital it would be some time before she would return back to the Parish meetings.

REPORT FROM JACKIE WEST, COMMUNITY WARDEN

Although apologies from Jackie West Had been received, she had prepared a written report and this was circulated.

REPORT FROM CAROLINE BIRTWELL HEADTEACHER FOR STEEPHILL SCHOOL

Caroline read a report she had prepared updating Councillors on the school success. 80% pass rate and many children going onto Grammar or Private secondary schools. Caroline also explained to the Councillors how they were sharing their success with other schools and local nurseries offering shared training sessions on improving leadership in a partnership with other schools. Year 6 children had been visiting other schools and reading to younger children. The next project is enlarging the parking facilities of which planning permission had been granted.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Cllr Gray gave Members of the public the opportunity to speak on issues that concern them.

Litter

Litter along Fawkham Green road. The Clerk would request SDC litter team to visit and litter pick.

Pony and Traps

Following the recent visit to the village of a large group of Pony and Traps, residents were concerned that this could reoccur. Residents reported not being able to get off drives, the road being used to race along two abreast, which was commented as dangerous driving. Children were also seen racing the pony and traps along the road at quote some considerable speed. Urinating in residents gardens was also reported. PCSO Ann Etter commented that although she agreed not nice for a village to be visited like this, at the time of the incidents happening residents should call 101 to report it and in an emergency 999. The Police were not able to have a presence as a preventative, in case they arrived, which residents were requesting.

Speeding through the village

Residents were concerned about the speeding through the village and asked if the speed watch could visit the area. Ann Etter agreed to organise a speed camera to visit. Residents also commented that some of the signage was covered by overgrown vegetation. The Clerk would make a request to KCC for them to trim back and make the signs more clearly visible.

Signed as true record by Chairman.....

Date